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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY MARCH 24-25 MEDIA
REACTION.

2. RHODESIA: AP (BRIAN JEFFRIES) REPORTED FROM LUSAKA
THAT AMB. YOUNG SAID U.S. WOULD CONSIDER, IF ASKED,
PROVIDING DEFENSIVE ARMS TO FRONT LINE STATES. SAME
DISPATCH SAID AMB. YOUNG "REJECTED A SUGGESTION BY KAUNDA
THAT U.S. TAKE THE LEADING ROLE AWAY FROM BRITAIN" IN
RHODESIA INITIATIVE...LATER A.P. REPORT FROM LUSAKA SAID
"BRITISH DIPLOMATS HERE SAY THEY WERE GIVEN NO ADVANCE
WARNING THAT YOUNG INTENDED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS ON THE
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WHILE HERE AND ARE MAKING IT CLEAR THEY
ARE UNHAPPY THAT HE HAS"...LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES IN REPORT
FROM LUSAKA SAID MARCH 23 THAT "OBSERVERS WERE LEFT WITH
THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT MR. YOUNG IS PREPARED
TO UNDERTAKE A NEW DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE OVER RHODESIA
BASED ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, WITH THE U.S.
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PLAYING THE LEADING ROLE." FINANCIAL TIMES CONCLUDED SUCH
A DEVELOPMENT "COULD PLACE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN AN
AWKWARD POSITION" AND THAT "IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW
ANY RENEWED DIPLOMATIC EFFORT CAN AT THIS STAGE BE
SUCCESSFUL"... FROM DAR ES SALAAM, A.P. REPORTED AMB.
YOUNG ARRIVAL FOR FIRST FRONTLINE SUMMIT SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF SALISBURY ACCORD: REPORT SAID AMB. YOUNG WOULD NOT

ATTEND TALKS BUT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS...
CSMONITOR (JUNE GOODWIN) REPORTED MARCH 24 FROM JOHANNES-
BURG: "PREVENTING THE COLLAPSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT VISIT TO
THE AREA BY USUN AMB. ANDREW YOUNG.... CONTINUED
NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERPETUATION OF TWO YEARS OF IN-
TENSIVE WESTERN DIPLOMACY TOUCHING WHITE-BLACK RACIAL
ISSUES, APPEAR THE BEST HOPES FOR KEEPING THE SOVIETS
AND CUBANS AWAY FROM DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIA AND
NAMIBIA. IN HIS EFFORTS, AMB. YOUNG IS DEPENDENT PRIMARI-
LY ON SUPPORT FROM FRONTLINE STATES...THE YOUNG PRESENCE
IN THE FRONTLINE STATES...IS IN ITSELF A FORM OF
PRESSURE ON WHITES RULING IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA"...NYTIMES(MICHAEL KAUFMAN) REPORTED FROM MAPUTO
MARCH 25 THAT FRONTLINE MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM "IS
BEING VIEWED BY ITS PARTICIPANTS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS
AS A VITAL SHOW OF UNITY IN THE FACE OF SALISBURY'S
AGREEMENT"....FRON SALISBURY MARCH 25, NYTINES (JOHN
BURNS) REPORTED THAT RHODESIAN RIGHTISTS ARE DENOUNCING
SMITH AS TRAITOR. RIGHT WING RHODESIAN ACTION PARTY
"HAS LAUNCHED A WELL FINANCED AND SLICKLY ADVERTISED
CAMPAIGN THAT APPEALS TO WHITES TO REJECT MR. SMITH'S
'CAPITULATION.'"....WASHPOST (DAVID OTTAWAY) REPORTED
FROM SALISBURY MARCH 24: "BLACK AND WHITE LEADERS
IN RHODESIA HAVE NOW SET IN MOTION A COURSE OF EVENTS
THAT HAS A BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE OF TOUCHING OFF THE
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WORST CIVIL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA'S HISTORY,
WITH A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR AGAIN DRAWING IN ALL THE OUTSIDE
FORCES THAT CONFRONTED EACH OTHER IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT.
WHILE NO ONE HERE IS GIVING VERY GOOD ODDS ON THE SURVIVAL
OF THE NEW MULTIRACIAL TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SET UP
THIS WEEK, MOST SEEM READY TO BET HEAVILY THAT
THE WORST FIGHTING IN THE SIX-YEAR-OLD GUERRILLA WAR
IS ABOUT TO BREAK OUT. IN ADDITION, IT IS NOW TAKING ON
THE CHARACTER OF A BLACK-AGAINST-BLACK STRUGGLE FOR POWER."

3. CARTER/THIRD WORLD. STEPHEN ROSENFELD IN MARCH 24
COLUMN FOR WASHPOST SAYS "U.S. FINDS ITS THIRD WORLD
STANDING HIGHER THAN IT'S BEEN IN YEARS, AND CARTER
HIMSELF IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A PRECEDENT SETTING THIRD
WORLD TRIP THAT HE HOPES WILL RAISE IT EVEN HIGHER."
ROSENFELD WRITES OF CHANGE IN STYLE FROM "CLIMATE OF
CONFRONTATION IDENTIFIED...WITH DANIEL MOYNIHAN'S
DIPLOMACY DUTY AT THE U.N. TO THE TONE OF EARNESTNESS
AND SPIRITUAL TOGETHERNESS CULTIVATED BY THE CURRENT
AMBASSADOR, ANDREW YOUNG. UNDERNEATH STYLE LIES CARTER'S
MORE OPENLY STATED IDEOLOGY OF AMERICAN/THIRD WORLD
INTERDEPENDENCE."

4. MIDEAST. A.P. MARCH 25 REPORTED FROM BEIRUT THAT MORE U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCES WERE TAKING UP POSITIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND THAT TRUCE "GENERALLY HELD." A.P. REPORTED THAT A U.N. SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK SAID SYG WALDHEIM "HAD BEEN ASSURED BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN THAT ISRAELI TROOPS WOULD PULL OUT OF THE OCCUPIED AREA." ... MAJOR MEDIA REPORTED BEGIN APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PUBLIC IN SPEECHES IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BEFORE HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL.... NYTIMES MARCH 25 SAID BEGIN RETURNED TO FACE "INCREASINGLY RESTIVE COALITION GOVERNMENT" AND "GROWING PUBLIC DISAFFECTION."

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...ALSO ON MARCH 25 NYTIMES (BERNARD GWERTZMAN) REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT SECSTATE VANCE SAID U.S. WOULD PERSEVERE IN QUEST FOR MIDEAST SETTLEMENT DESPITE "SUBSTANTIAL OBSTACLES" RESULTING FROM DIFFERENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, "WHICH MR. VANCE SAID HAD SLOWED DOWN NEGOTIATING EFFORTS."

5. MORO KIDNAPPING. A.P. REPORTED FROM ROME MARCH 25 THAT KIDNAPPERS OF ALDO MORO BROKE SEVEN-DAY SILENCE AND SAID MORO WAS UNDERGOING "INTERROGATION" AND WOULD BE JUDGED IN A "PEOPLE'S TRIAL" BASED ON "PROLETARIAN JUSTICE." POLICE REPORTEDLY SAID MESSAGE FROM RED BRIGADE WAS AUTHENTIC. LEONARD

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